GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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GRANTS OF MINING LEASE TO ALUMINIUM COMPANIES
VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Aluminium companies are facing delay in grant of mining lease;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the other constraints faced by the refineries to get adequate supply of Bauxite ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) and (b): Under Section 10(3) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 mining leases are granted by the State Government concerned. Proposals for prior approval of the Central Government for grant of mineral concessions for minerals specified under the First Schedule to the aforesaid Act originate from the respective State Governments and are processed and disposed of by the Central Government as per provisions of law. Bauxite is a mineral listed in the First Schedule to the Act and hence all efforts are made to expedite approval of the Central Government in the least possible time. In certain cases, the proposals received from the State Governments are found incomplete and consequently, in such cases, the State Governments are asked to furnish complete information/additional information for expeditious disposal of such cases.

(c): Bauxite and alumina can be freely imported by the end users under the trade policy of the Government, and hence the aluminium refineries can supplement the indigenous supply of the raw material, if any, through imports.